

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 15 and 17-20, 23 and 24 are pending in the present application. Claim 23 is amended and Claims 7-10, 12, 14, 21, 22 and 25 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present response. Support for amendments to the claims is found in the disclosure as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Action, Claim 14 was objected to as including informalities; Claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter; Claims 7-10, 14, 21 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Newcombe (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0172269) in view of Sudia (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0114653); Claims 12 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Newcombe and Sudia in further view of Medvinsky (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0163693); and Claims 1, 3-5, 15, 17-20 and 24 are allowed.

Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in Claims 1, 3-5, 15, 17-20 and 24.

With respect to the objection of Claim 14 as including informalities, the rejection of Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter, the rejection of Claims 7-10, 14, 21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Newcombe and Sudia, and the rejection of Claims 12 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Newcombe and Sudia in further view of Medvinsky, Applicants respectfully submit that in light of the cancellation of Claims 7-10, 12, 14, 21, 22 and 25, these rejections are moot.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection of Claim 14 as including informalities, the rejection of Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter, the rejection of Claims 7-10, 14, 21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

as unpatentable over Newcombe and Sudia, and the rejection of Claims 12 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Newcombe and Sudia in further view of Medvinsky, be withdrawn.

In addition, with regard to the rejection of Claim 23 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, Applicants have amended Claim 23 in order to clarify that this claim is directed to a non-transitory computer readable medium. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 23 is directed to statutory subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §101, be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3-5, 15 and 17-20, 23 and 24 are in condition for allowance.

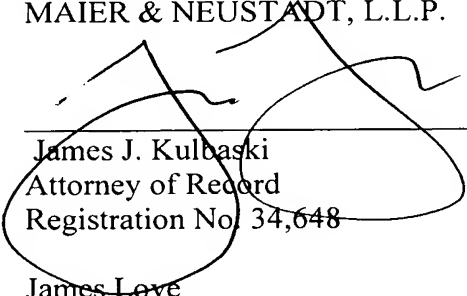
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance for the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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